



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF SHERIFF

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Mr. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup>, Street NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I serve as Sheriff of Montgomery County, Kentucky. Mt. Sterling, our county seat, is a picture of small town America, and its downtown area has been renovated so that it is both beautiful and functional. We are proud of our county, and want to improve it in every way. One of the improvements that are badly needed is in our wireless broadband service and cellular service.

In rural parts of our county, the cell phone service is nonexistent, and in many other areas inadequate at best. That is why I write to comment on the application for a license modification filed by LightSquared.

LightSquared, with its system that relies on both satellites and land based towers, proposes to provide 4G service nationwide.

I know that many organizations have supported LightSquared's efforts, as have a number of law public safety officials in Kentucky. I understand that the Competitive Carriers Association, the trade group to which many smaller carriers who would use LightSquared's services, is fully behind the application: "CCA recommends the Commission grant LightSquared's license modification applications, which would help to resolve complex spectrum management questions and also would enhance competition for the benefit of American consumers."

LightSquared has been a friend to law enforcement in Kentucky for a long time. Though my own county, Montgomery County, was spared damage from last year's massive tornadoes in our region, I know that LightSquared provided communications equipment that made the jobs of our first responders a bit easier, and kept them a bit more connected than they would have been otherwise.



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I join the CCA and many others in asking that the FCC approve LightSquared's pending application for license modification. Thank you for giving all of us the opportunity to comment on these issues, which are so important to those of us in rural areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Shortridge".

Fred Shortridge  
Montgomery County Sheriff